

JOINT NEIGHBOURHOODS & COMMUNITIES AND FINANCE AND EFFICIENCY PORTFOLIOS DECISION RECORD

26 May 2009

The meeting commenced at 9.30 a.m. in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

Present:

Councillors Peter Jackson (Neighbourhoods and Communities Portfolio Holder)
Robbie Payne (Finance and Efficiency Portfolio Holder)

Officers: Dave Stubbs, Director of Neighbourhood Services
Chris Little, Assistant Chief Financial Officer (Corporate Finance)
James Walsh, Scrutiny Support Officer
Jo Wilson, Democratic Services Officer

2. 2009/10 Capital Programme and Prudential Borrowing Limits – Household Waste Recycling Centre and Winter Grit Storage Facilities – Referral Report – *Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee and Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Forum*

Type of Decision

Non key

Purpose of Report

To outline the findings and recommendations of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee and Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Forum in relation to the '2009/10 Capital Programme and Prudential Borrowing Limits – Household Waste Recycling Centre and Winter Grit Storage Facilities', following referral by the Portfolio Holders for Neighbourhoods and Communities and Finance and Efficiency.

Issues for Consideration

On 30 April 2009 Council considered a report titled '2009/10 Capital Programme and Prudential Borrowing Limits – Household Waste Recycling Centre and Winter Grit Storage Facilities'. During consideration of this report a number of issues and queries were raised resulting in the deferral of a decision, pending receipt of further information by members. The Chair of Scrutiny Co-ordinating

Committee had subsequently received formal notification of the referral of the topic by the Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhoods and Communities, supported by the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Efficiency. The timetable prescribed by the Portfolio Holders had recommended completion of the referral within a six week period, reporting back to a joint meeting of the Portfolio Holders on 26th May 2009 and to an extraordinary meeting of Council to be held no later than 12th June 2009.

The Scrutiny Support Officer introduced the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee's final report in response to the '2009/10 Capital Programme and Prudential Borrowing Limits – Household Waste Recycling Centre and Winter Grit Storage Facilities' referral. In terms of the recommendations the Director of Neighbourhood Services advised that the only amendment, to the decision originally taken by the Portfolio Holders, was that where possible the Neighbourhood Services Department annually make a revenue contribution towards the Prudential Borrowing, required for the development of the Household Waste Recycling Centre and construction of the new Salt Store. The costs involved had also been clarified and were confirmed at £30,000 a year over 30-40 years rather than the previous approximated amount of £50,000 over 25 years. The Portfolio Holders advised that they agreed with the recommendations of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee and Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Forum, which was reflective of the original decision made by the Portfolio Holders on 27 April 2009.

Decision

- I. That the option of funding the development of the Household Waste Recycling Centre and construction of the new Salt Store be funded through Prudential Borrowing;
- II. That where possible the Neighbourhood Services Department annually make a revenue contribution towards the Prudential Borrowing required for the development of the Household Waste Recycling Centre and construction of the new Salt Store;
- III. That the materials used in the construction of the new Salt Store minimise the corrosive nature of the salt and maximise the life span of the building and;
- IV. That discussions take place immediately with the Chair of the Council for the holding an Extraordinary Council meeting on 11th June 2009.

The meeting concluded at 9:40am.

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CHIEF SOLICITOR

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